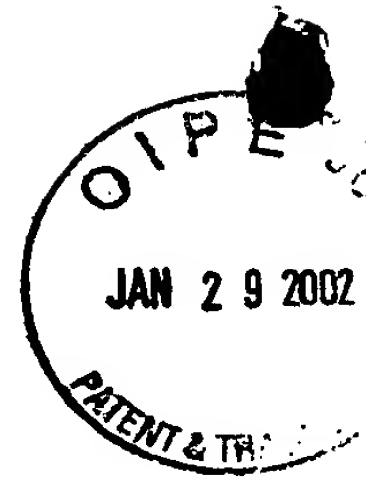


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described and claimed in the attached specification; that this application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier Provisional patent application of which I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), Serial No. 60/244,529, filed 31 October 2000; that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application; that I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the invention has not been in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to my application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country prior to the date of my application on an application filed by myself or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to my application in this country; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

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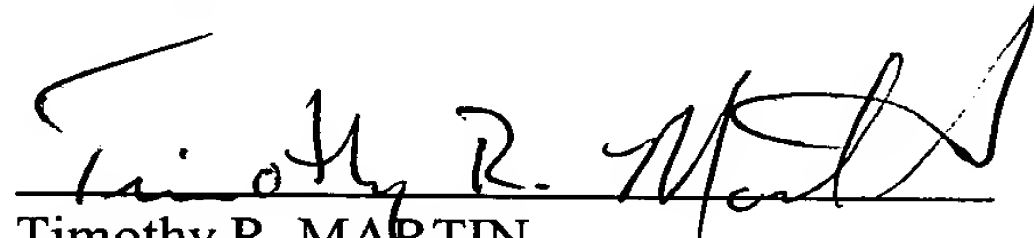
Wherefore I Pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the attached specification and claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney and this Petition.

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